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## Letter from Bishop R.R. Roberts to James B. Finley

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Baltimore the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1818

Dear brother,

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> of March came safe to hand. It always gives me pleasure to hear of the prosperity of the work of God, as well as the good health, and spiritual welfare of my brethren in the Lord.

(Though infinite mercy, I enjoy good health, for which I desire to be thankful to the Author of all good.

The prospects of good, in your part of the work, appears pleasing. And I am glad your soul desires, and thirsts for the salvation of sinners, and the success of the blessed gospel. But it is not only in the City of Baltimore, and in the bounds of the Ohio Conference, that the Almighty honors his own word, and pours out his divine Spirit; but also, in many other parts of <sup>our</sup> beloved Country, divine truth has success, and the work of God revives.

The prospects are generally pleasing, throughout our Union. God has greatly honored us; and has done great things for us.

I am sorry to hear of difficulties at

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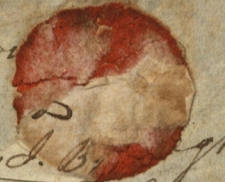
Rev. James O. Furley  
Steubenville, Ohio.



Cincinnati. When I was there, I endeavored to do something in that business, but failed. Bishop McVendee was at the Virginia Conference, and has gone on from there, to the West - He expects to be at the Ohio Conference. Bishop George is here, and is well. From the Philadelphia Conf. I expect to go on to the place where my wife is, but do not expect to be at the Ohio Conference. Perhaps, Bishop George, as well as brother McKendree, will be at Stuebenville. Enclosed with this letter, you have a list the appointments.

Happy shall I be, if with my elder brethren, who have laboured and suffered, while spreading the everlasting gospel, and have gone to join the Church triumphant in glory, I may finally rejoice! when my work too may be done here below, and with millions of admiring intelligences, sing the song of redeeming love! May divine <sup>grace</sup> support us in all the arduous duties of our station! May the blessed Jesus be in our midst ~~to~~ to direct, guide, preserve, govern, and support us to the end!

Yours respectfully — M. Roberts

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